

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application. In particular, terminology in the claims has been amended for stylistic reasons. Additionally, new claims 14-16 have been added. Furthermore, an Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed citing references cited in the International Search Report. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to approve the corrections.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

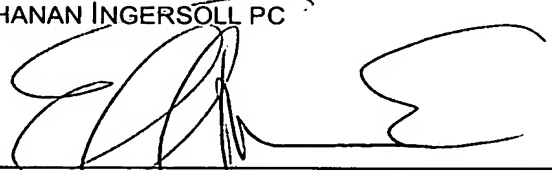
If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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